

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (currently amended): A mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine, the mounting structure comprising:

a fuel pump assembly including a cylindrical pump body and a filter coupled with a suction end of the pump body;

a fuel tank arranged to straddle a body frame of a vehicle;

a housing enclosing the cylindrical pump body, a flange section of the housing arranged to abut an outside area surrounding an opening in the fuel tank; ~~and~~

a mounting plate arranged to cover the flange section on an outside of the fuel tank, the fuel pump assembly arranged to be fixed to the opening through the mounting plate and the flange section; and

a fuel pipe including a first end with which the cylindrical pump body is coupled, a trunk portion of the fuel pipe bending toward the filter, and a second end with which the filter is coupled, wherein a fuel flow direction in the cylindrical pump body and a fuel flow direction in the filter are opposite to each other; wherein

an axis of the cylindrical pump body extends generally parallel to a mounting surface of the mounting plate;

the cylindrical pump body and the filter are arranged to overlap each other in a first direction corresponding to a plan view of the vehicle;

the opening is arranged in a side wall surface of the fuel tank, the mounting plate is attached to the opening of the side wall surface of the fuel tank; and

the mounting plate and the cylindrical pump body at least partially overlap each other in a second direction corresponding to a lateral side view of the vehicle, the second direction being substantially perpendicular to the first direction.

Claim 12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (previously presented): The mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine according to Claim 11, wherein the filter is disposed below the cylindrical pump body.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine according to Claim 11, wherein the opening has an elliptical shape, and a longitudinal axis of the opening extends generally horizontally and generally parallel to the axis of the cylindrical pump body.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine according to Claim 11, further comprising a fuel passage, wherein the fuel passage includes the filter, the cylindrical pump body, and ~~a member~~ the fuel pipe through which fuel flows from the filter to the cylindrical pump body, wherein a portion of the fuel passage is arranged so as to overlap another portion of the fuel passage.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine according to Claim 11, wherein the cylindrical pump body and the filter are spaced apart from each other in a direction normal to the axis of the cylindrical pump body.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine, the mounting structure comprising:

- a fuel tank arranged to straddle a body frame of a vehicle; and
- a fuel pump assembly to be arranged within an inner space of the fuel tank, the fuel pump assembly including a mounting plate arranged to mount the fuel pump assembly onto the fuel tank, the fuel pump assembly further including:

a cylindrical pump body;

a filter attached to the cylindrical pump body;

an opening arranged in a side surface of the fuel tank;

a housing enclosing the cylindrical pump body, a flange section of the housing arranged to abut an outside area surrounding the opening in the fuel tank, and the mounting plate extends over the flange section to fix the flange section to the fuel tank; and

a fuel pipe including a first end with which the cylindrical pump body is coupled, a trunk portion of the fuel pipe bending toward the filter, and a second end with which the filter is coupled, wherein a fuel flow direction in the cylindrical pump body and a fuel flow direction in the filter are opposite to each other;
wherein

the cylindrical pump body is arranged such that an axis of the cylindrical pump body extends along a mounting surface of the mounting plate;

the filter is arranged such that at least a portion of the filter is spaced away from the cylindrical pump body in a radial direction of the cylindrical pump body;

the mounting plate is attached to the opening of the side surface of the fuel tank;

the mounting plate and the cylindrical pump body at least partially overlap each other in a first direction corresponding to a lateral side view of the vehicle;
and

the cylindrical pump body and the filter are arranged to overlap each other in a second direction corresponding to a plan view of the vehicle, the second direction being substantially perpendicular to the first direction.

Claim 18 (canceled).

Claim 19 (canceled).

Claim 20 (previously presented): The mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine according to Claim 17, wherein the opening has an elliptical shape, and a longitudinal axis of the opening extends generally horizontally and generally parallel to the axis of the cylindrical pump body.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A vehicle comprising the mounting structure for a fuel pump according to Claim 11.

Claim 22 (previously presented): A vehicle comprising the mounting structure for a fuel pump according to Claim 17.

Claim 23 (new): The mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine according to Claim 11, wherein the mounting plate and the cylindrical pump body substantially overlap each other in the second direction corresponding to the lateral side view of the vehicle.

Claim 24 (new): The mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine according to Claim 17, wherein the mounting plate and the cylindrical pump body substantially overlap each other in the first direction corresponding to the lateral side view of the vehicle.